

SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

SARL NEWS SUNDAY 27 July 2003

You are listening to Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with a news bulletin that is broadcast every Sunday at 08:15 Central Africa Time (CAT) in Afrikaans and at 08:30 CAT in English.

This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za and on packet bulletin boards.

SILENT KEY

OM Peter Warren ZD9BU/MM recently passed away in Walvis Bay as a result of cancer. He used to live in Cape Town but was mostly active from around Gough, Nightingale and Inaccessable islands from a crayfishing vessel. He was the captain of the vessel and a member of the SARL. He went to a lot of trouble to transport spares, equipment and antennas for radio amateurs on Gough and Tristan da Cunha.

Our sincere condolences go to his wife Lynette, children other relatives and friends. (ex ZS6PR)

PAUSE

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Stay tuned for more details on these and other news items.

Visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

SARL NEWS invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs on the web site of the SARL which is www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English.

You are tuned to ZS6SRL.

The news follows in detail:

NARC OPEN DAYS

As from Saturday the 7th of June, the National Amateur Radio Centre has been open on the first Saturday of every month. This is being done to not only promote Amateur Radio but also to make use of the venue for what it was originally intended, for amateurs and clubs.

The NARC will be open from 09:00. At about 10:00 there will be a guest speaker, or other activity, and after the presentation, there will be a social until 11:30. This is also an ideal opportunity to collect QSL cards as Henk ZS6ENK, will be in attendance. Why not also make use of this opportunity to come and pay your annual subs?

Many of us make use of mobile equipment, but we all know how difficult it has become to mount mobile equipment in the modern vehicle. Come and show us on Saturday morning the 2nd of August, how you overcame the space problem and how you mounted your equipment.

On Saturday, 6th September, it is a questions and answers session regarding fault finding and general information on a specific range of equipment that will be on display and will be discussed by Vladimir and Phillip.

Tony, ZS6CCD who will in the morning give us a Science Show, will take up Saturday 4 October and in the evening there will be a telescope available to gaze at the stars.

On Saturday the 1st of November, we are having a display of kits available for building and in general a kit building morning. Thanks to Gilles, ZR6GDC.

On the 6th of December, we are having a family morning with all who wish to spend a pre Christmas morning with us, a general bring and braai and fun and games for the children. (ex ZS6BUU)

REQUEST TO CLUBS FOR INFORMATION

In order to build up our database of information on clubs, would clubs please provide the following information by return email to zs6phd@mweb.co.za

Name of club: Total number of club members: Estimated number of club members who are SARL members: Current club annual subscription:

Please could you also provide feedback on your preference in regard to receiving communication in PDF file format (ex ZS6PHD)

NO HAMNET BULLETIN ON SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST

All Hamnet members please take note that there will be no bulletin on Sunday the 3rd August due to the SARL HF Contest being conducted on the same day.

This message is also intended for the Hamnet members who may not have e-mail access.

The bulletin for August will be read on Sunday 10 August at the normal time of 16:30 CAT on 10,130 MHz and 7,070 MHz.

Good luck in the contest. (ex Francois ZS6BUU)

SPECIAL WOMEN'S DAY INTECNET

A special INTECNET is being planned to celebrate women in amateur radio. It will be held on Sunday 10 August, the day after National Women's day. Recently amateur radio came under severe criticism from the Deputy Director General of the Department of Communications for the lack of women involvement in amateur radio. The women's day INTECNET will look at current activities and explore new opportunities to get more women involved in the main stream of amateur radio. Clubs are invited to share details of current activities involving women in amateur radio by sending an email to armi@sarl.org.za.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF THE 2003 HF FIELD DAY

Here are the provisional results of the first leg of the 2003 HF Field Day contest.

1st ZS6XT/P4 5 274 points; 2nd ZS6PTA/P 3 388 points; 3rd ZS5HAC/P 2 337 points; 4th ZS1CT/P 1 769 points; 5th ZS6SRC/P 1 112,5 points; 6th ZS5ZLB/P 906 points; 7th ZS6WR/P 714,5 points.

Well done to everybody. The second leg of the 2003 HF Field Day takes place over the weekend of 8 and 9 November 2003. (ex ZS4BS)

HAMNET SIMULATED CONTEST

The results of the Hamnet simulated emergency contest that was held on 13 April have been announced. The overall impression of this contest was that it was thoroughly enjoyed by all and it was gratifying to know that the contest is serving at least one of its purposes namely fun by all.

It will appear from the logs that some 46 stations participated yet only 14 contest logs were submitted and one log for checking purposes. It was also good to see a participant from Lesotho.

The winners are as follows:-

Single operator stationery mobile 7P8BHF Martin; Single operator portable ZS2AJ Andre; Multi-operator portable ZS6DX Rudi; Base Station ZS2U - Al.

The full results will be published on the SARL Website in due course. Congratulations to the winners. (ex ZS6BUU)

RADIO AMATEUR'S EXAMINATION DATES ANNOUNCED

The next opportunity to sit for the Radio Amateur's Examination will be on Thursday 16th October 2003. Candidates, and clubs who are running RAE courses, should note that the closing date for enrolments is 12th September 2003. No late enrolments will be accepted.

Enrolments must be made on the standard form, which is available on the SARL web site at <http://www.sarl.org.za>. The examination fee of R250 must accompany each application form.

A new facility to allow electronic applications is now available on the SARL web site. If this method is used, payment must be received by the SARL office before the closing date for the application to be accepted.

Examinations may be written at the following standard examination centres:

Bloemfontein; Cape Town; Durban; East London; George; Johannesburg; Kimberley; Nelspruit; Pietermaritzburg; Polokwane; Port Elizabeth; Pretoria.

Every examination centre is required to re-register. Each examination centre must have a minimum of two invigilators, who are required to be SARL members.

All enquiries relating to the RAE examination should be directed to Peter Hers ZS6PHD at email zs6phd@mweb.co.za or cell 083 445 4634. (ex ZS6PHD)

RAE: SANDTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The next RAE course to be run by the Sandton Club will begin on WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST 2003. Lectures are held every Wednesday evening at the National Amateur Radio Centre, Radiokop, Honeydew View from 19:00 (7 pm).

For further details please contact Graham Hartlett at 082 441 6989 or email zs6gjh@icon.co.za (ex ZS6PHD)

CLUB NEWS

Midlands Amateur Radio Club

At its AGM held on the 16th of July, 2003 the Midlands Amateur Radio Club in Pietermaritzburg has elected the following to serve on their committee for 2003/04:

Wessel, ZS5BLY Chairman;
Robin, ZS5MRS Secretary and Treasurer;
Bert, ZS5MQ Clubhouse Manager;
Charles, ZS5QR;
Chris, ZS5CD;
John, ZR5JPM.

The portfolios of Charles, Chris and John will be allocated at the first committee meeting. (ex ZS5BLY)

DATES TO REMEMBER

The President's net today at 12:00 on 7 082 kHz;

SARL HF PHONE CONTEST will take place on Sunday 3 August from 14:30 to 18:30 CAT [please note the new times].

SWAZILAND ON THE AIR: 3DA0DX will be operating from Swaziland from 29th July to 3rd August 2003 both days inclusive.

THE FLEA MARKET that will be held on 2 AUGUST at the MRK clubhouse on the corner of Breyer- and Mill Street in Waverley. Timmy ZS6TIM will hold an auction at 12:00 for everyone who has anything they wish to sell. The flea market starts at 09:00. Lovely eats will be on sale.

This then brings us to the end of today's bulletin which was compiled by Gustav, ZS6BWN and read byfrom..... as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

The SARL invites you to listen to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 17 815, 9 750, and 7 082 kHz and 145,625 MHz in East London, 145,650 in Durban 145,750 MHz in Pretoria and 438,800 in the Sandton area. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 21:00 CAT on 3 215 kHz.

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You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone. /EX